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Response from the Montana Historical Society



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Region 8, Montana Office
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Re: Anaconda West Valley Rail Line abandonment and remedial design action

Dear Mr. Coleman,

Thank you for your letter of April 30, 2008, advising us of the successful consultation and resolution between the EPA and the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Community Historic Preservation Office (ADL-CHPO) of proposed impacts from remedial design to the National Register-listed Anaconda West Valley Rail Line, in accordance with stipulations of the 1994 multi-agency *Programmatic Agreement pursuant to 36CFR800 Regarding Implementation of CERCLA Related Elements of the Upper Clark Fork Basin Regional Historic Preservation Plan* for superfund cleanup.

Our understanding is that the ADL-CHPO has agreed with EPA and ARCO that impacts involving the necessary removal of rail, ties, ballast and the upper 6 inches of fill will be mitigated with the retention of the railroad grade and emplacement of interpretive signage. It is our further understanding that the city wishes to develop the grade as a trail in the future, however there may be a competing interest to develop new highway right-of-way in this corridor. In the event of the latter, we would anticipate that the Montana Highway Department on behalf of FHWA will further consider the preservation of the West Valley Rail Line pursuant to 36CFR800.

As requested, a copy of this letter is also being forwarded to the Surface Transportation Board for consideration of this undertaking in an abandonment proceeding for Rarus Railway and BGM Equipment Companies. As indicated in our letter to STB of July 2, 2007, we believe that EPA's compliance with the 1994 Programmatic Agreement and Regional Historic Preservation Plan also addresses STB's obligations under 36CFR800 for consideration of impacts to historic properties.

Sincerely,

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